ABSTRACT

A CE consumer apparatus, e.g., an STB is a gateway between a home network and an external data network The STB has an access point device for the home network. The access point device has a first functionality that enables broadband wireless RF data communication to the home network; and the access point device has a second functionality that serves as a user-interface. Because of the latter, the user will position the device in such as way that RF communication is not hampered by nearby obstacles.